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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing by the Director of CIA Subcommittee of House  
Armed Services - 4 May 1967

1. The Director met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed  
Services beginning at 8:30 and running for about an hour and ten minutes.  
Present from the Subcommittee were:

L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman  
Melvin Price  
Porter Hardy, Jr.  
Charles E. Bennett  
William H. Bates  
William G. Bray  
Leslie C. Arends  
Charles A. Halleck

Staff members present were:

J. R. Blandford  
Philip Kelleher

Accompanying the Director were:

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John S. Warner

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2. Mr. Helms discussed very briefly the background and reasons for his appearance before the House Banking and Currency Committee the previous day on the Fiat deal.

3. The Director then briefed on the following items, utilizing the attached briefing notes:

- a. OXCART
- b. P. O. W. Communications
- c. Soviet Helicopters
- d. [REDACTED]
- e. [REDACTED]
- f. Cuba
- g. Greece
- h. Yemen

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4. On OXCART, the Subcommittee in general expressed considerable concern requesting that the Director provide a fact sheet dealing with this problem. The sense of the Subcommittee was that the decision for the Agency to abandon the program was wrong and it was indicated that they plan to move into this situation urging the modification of the decision. It is clear the Chairman wishes to pursue this further. Mr. Helms suggested that the Chairman check with Senator Russell on this. Previously, Rivers had asked whether Russell was briefed and what was his reaction.

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6. Mr. Rivers specifically requested the Director to furnish the Subcommittee with any information in our possession which would establish that information published in the Pearson-Anderson column was in fact classified information. The Director indicated that we had some information on this and that we would provide this to the Subcommittee.

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7. The Chairman requested that the Subcommittee meet again with the Agency on Thursday of next week.

Att.

JOHN S. WARNER  
Legislative Counsel

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